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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claims 1-26 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 6) ☐ Other:

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Election/Restriction

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-6, drawn to a method for reordering a decode order into a display order of an image, classified in class 375, subclass 240.01.
 - II. Claims 7-12, drawn to a method for reordering a decode order into a display order, classified in class 375, subclass 240.12.
 - III. Claims 13-18, drawn to a method for reordering a decode order into a display order of an image, classified in class 348, subclass 400.1.
 - IV. Claims 19-24, drawn to a method for reordering a decode order into a display order of an image, classified in class 348, subclass 409.1.
 - V. Claims 25 and 26, drawn to an apparatus for reordering a decode order into a display order of an image, classified in class 375, subclass 240.25.
2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because:

Inventions Groups I, II, III, IV, and V are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions are Groups I, II, III, IV, and V. Group I involves a method for reordering a decode order into a display order of an image, comprising the steps of if the first picture is I-picture, decoding the first picture and storing a decoded first picture into a first buffer; and obtaining a first virtual picture according to a predetermined manner, sending the first virtual

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picture to a second buffer for display. Group II involves a method for reordering a decode order into a display order of an image, comprising the steps of if the first picture is P-picture, decoding the first picture and storing a decoded first picture into a first buffer; and obtaining a first virtual picture according to a predetermined manner, sending the first virtual picture to a second buffer for display. Group III involves a method for reordering a decode order into a display order of an image, comprising the steps of if the first picture is I-picture, obtaining a first virtual picture according to a predetermined manner, sending the first virtual picture to a first buffer for display; and decoding the first picture and storing a decoded first picture into a second buffer. Group IV involves a method for reordering a decode order into a display order of an image, comprising the steps of if the first picture is P-picture, obtaining a first virtual picture according to a predetermined manner, sending the first virtual picture to a first buffer for display; and decoding the first picture and storing a decoded first picture into a second buffer. Group V involves an apparatus for reordering a decode order into a display order of an image, comprising a motion compensator for outputting a virtual picture according to a predetermined order and a display controller, connected to the second buffer for displaying the virtual picture.

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Groups II, III, IV, and V, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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4. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

5. **Any response to this action should be mailed to:**

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard Lee whose telephone number is (703) 308-6612. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m, with alternate Fridays off.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group customer service whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.


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